Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Dale Bertsch came into the world as the first-born child of August and Alvina Bertsch on November 4, 1946, in the German community of Eureka, South Dakota, and later moved with his family to Aberdeen where he grew up as a post-World War II baby boomer; and,

Whereas, In September 1967, after 2 years at Northern State College, Dale volunteered for the draft and became a private in the U.S. Army, serving in the Ninth Infantry Division stationed in the Mekong Delta, South Vietnam, and upon completion of his military service, returned to Northern where he attained his teaching degree; and,

Whereas, Dale spent 2 years teaching mathematics and geography at Martin, South Dakota, before returning to South Dakota State University in pursuit of a master's degree in Economics, and, more importantly, met his beautiful and talented wife, Eileen; and,

Whereas, Dale and Eileen were married on September 25, 1976, moved to Pierre the following day, where they have been blessed to live, work, and parent two wonderful sons, Todd and Adam, and to enjoy their brilliant granddaughter, Elliot; and,

Whereas, Dale began his 35-year career as a state employee in September 1975, serving the citizens of South Dakota through the Department of Revenue, the Bureau of Finance and Management, Economic and Tourism Development, and the Legislative Research Council before joining the team in the Governor's Office in January 2003; and,

Whereas, Dale often shares his clever wit and wisdom with co-workers, resulting in an un-published document affectionately referred to as *Daleisms,* hermetically sealed inside a volume of South Dakota Codified Laws, and stored in the refrigerator in the Governor's large conference room; and,

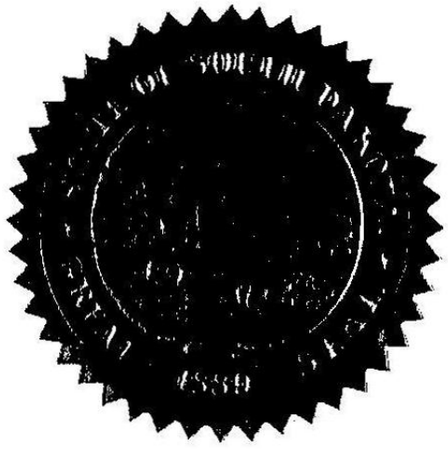
Whereas, Dale's staffing responsibilities around the state and occasionally to Washington, D.C., were always appreciated, but his hosting of numerous post-legislative session social events where he shared his skillfully composed, irreverent, politically-incorrect Carnac the Magnificent jokes will be sorely missed by one and all; and,

Whereas, Dale will more than likely find inaccuracies in this proclamation and request that it be corrected and resigned; however, since he has chosen to spend more time fishing, pontooning, walking the dog, building more "stuff", and playing with his granddaughter after his retirement on December 31, 2010, he will have nothing to say about the content of this document:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 31, 2010, as

DALE BERTSCH DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Teresa J. Bray, Deputy

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State